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In Re Application of:

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Title: DUAL-PURPOSES PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED HYBRIDIZATION ASSAYS BY DISRUPTION OF SECONDARY STRUCTURE FORMATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116 AND 41.33

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of November 9, 2010, a Notice of Appeal was filed for this matter on February 10, 2011, with a one month extension. The amendment set forth in this paper is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2) to place the claims in better form for appeal. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33, this paper is timely filed with the filing of the Appeal Brief.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

The listing of the claims is set forth on pages 2 to 7 of this paper.

REMARKS:

Applicants' remarks in support of this application are set forth on page 8 of this paper.